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Applicant:	Anoop Kumar Mathur et al.	Examiner:	Joseph P. Hirl
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Title: ADVANCED RECIPE - A KNOWLEDGE BASED INFORMATION SYSTEM
FOR PRODUCTION PROCESSES

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on April 11, 2002.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from July 11, 2002 to October 11, 2002.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on April 11, 2002, and the references cited therewith. No claims are amended, canceled, or added; as a result, claims 1-24 remain pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application and allowance of claims 1-24 in view of the remarks that follow.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kohn et al. (U.S. 5,963,447).

Anticipation requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each element of the claim under consideration. *In re Dillon* 919 F.2d 688, 16 USPQ 2d 1897, 1908 (Fed. Cir. 1990) (en banc), cert. denied, 500 U.S. 904 (1991). Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action did not make out a *prima facie* case of anticipation.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a method of enhancing a production recipe and recites: "annotating one or more actions in the production recipe with a desired intention for the action."